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1. U.S. Patent Application No. 5,316,943, published May 31, 1994.
2. European patent application no. EP 0 310 949 A2, published April 12, 1989.
3. WIPO International PCT application no. WO 91/05870 published May 2, 1991.
4. European application no. EP 0 135 846 A2, published April 3, 1985.
5. "Novel Biosynthetic approaches to the production of unnatural amino acids using transaminases" by P. P. Taylor, et al.; Trends in Biotechnology, GB, Elsevier Publications, Cambridge, vol. 16, no. 10, October 1, 1998, pages 412-418,
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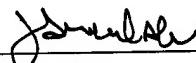
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